

Shenandoah Herald.

WOODSTOCK VA.

Wednesday Jan. 4th, 1882.

TOWN AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Entered at the Post Office, at Woodstock, Va., as second-class matter.

Change of schedule on Harper's Ferry and Valley Branch, taking effect Nov. 20, 1881.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.—The churches of Woodstock are observing the Week of Prayer.

On Sunday night all the congregations worshipped in the Methodist church. A sermon was preached by Dr. Geo. H. Martin from 1 Cor. 6:20.

Prayer meeting in Reformed church on Monday night, and in Lutheran church on Tuesday. The meeting tonight will be in the Presbyterian church. It will be conducted by L. M. Walton.

Subject: "Prayer for the blessing of God on his church and his word," Eph. 1:15-23, 2 Thess. 3:1-5.

Thursday night: Methodist church, conducted by W. T. Williams. Subject: "Prayer for the young and all agencies of Christian training," Acts 2:16-18; 1st, 5th; 13th Matt 9:35-38.

Friday night: Reformed church, conducted by Rev. F. Roney. Subject: "Prayer for the universal prevalence of peace and righteousness," Micah 4:1-7.

Saturday night: Lutheran church, conducted by N. B. Schmitt. Subject: "Prayer for Christian missions, the pouring of the Holy Spirit, and the conversion of the world," Dan. 7:13, 14; Acts 1:4-8; Jeremiah 31:33-34.

Sperdy & Darby have once more visited Woodstock, bringing a choice selection of goods and the prices are wonderfully low. Don't fail to call at once and take advantage of this opportunity as it will be for 30 days only.

Sperdy & Darby, Nelson's store room.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Presbyterian church made a new departure in its observance of Christmas. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Fleming, preached in the morning on the words of the Lord Jesus, "It more blessed to give than to receive," and the congregation made a "thank-offering" to the Lord.

In the afternoon there was a special meeting for the Sunday school. Superintendent P. W. Magruder reviewed the work of the year, speaking as well of what ought to have been done as of what was done.

Superintendent W. T. Williams made an address upon "how the work of the coming year can be better done than the work of the past year."

The school made a "thank-offering" to the Lord.

Small envelopes on which was written "Little gifts from willing hearts" had been placed in the hands of the children.

Never were hearts more willing, judging from the smiling faces of the little ones as they placed their offering in the basket.

Seven scholars who had been present every day during the year, and five who had been absent but one day, were placed upon the Roll of Honor, and certificates of honor were given them.

The addresses of the Superintendents were earnest and practical, showing them to be men who know how to "be about their master's business."

Forty years' trial has proved "BLACK-DRAUGHT" the best liver medicine in the world.

By B. SCHMITT.

One of the most enjoyable affairs during the holidays was the social of the Reformed Sunday School. Notwithstanding the rain and mud the school and guests began assembling at an early hour, so that by the ringing of the bell the room was pretty well filled.

The services opened with an anthem by the choir, followed by a prayer, reciting the creed, reading the Scripture lesson, and singing by the school. After this the benches were set around leaving an open space for the children to play blind-fold, &c. The older folks taking back seats seemed to enjoy the fun of looking on as much as the younger ones did their games.

When this merriment had continued some time the tell was sounded for all to be seated and receive of the bounties prepared for their refreshment.

There was an abundance of cake, apples and candies for all. Each scholar received a neat palm-leaf box filled with candies, and a card of pleasant Christmas greeting, besides the other things which were passed to all alike. After the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the pastor, but all did not leave until some time later, for the older ones of the young people had selected this part of the evening for their games. So conversation was the good feeling prevailing but even some of the married folks joined in the sport with apparently as much zest as any. Indeed the evening seemed one of unalloyed pleasure to all present. May there be many more such.

At a meeting of the citizens of Woodstock held in the Court House Friday evening last, a permanent Temperance organization was effected. The object of the organization is to abate the evils of intemperance.

The following officers were elected: Geo. W. Miley, President; Jas. H. Rodger, Vice-President; W. T. Williams, Secretary, I. Hite Bird, Treas.

On motion of Mr. Rodger an executive committee was appointed consisting of the following gentlemen: E. Grubill, Martin Wisman, E. M. Bushong, S. V. R. Clower, W. H. Newman, W. T. Williams, N. B. Schmitt, E. R. Gillock, C. F. Fravel, E. E. Suckley, A. G. Wynkoop, W. M. Mennett, Isaac Haas and Robert H. Cahoon.

Messrs. Moses Walton, E. E. Suckley, W. T. Williams, I. Hite Bird and C. E. Newman were appointed to prepare an amendment to the charter of the town to confer the right of local option.

Messrs. W. T. Williams, N. B. Schmitt and A. G. Wynkoop were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the organization.

Dr. P. N. Riddle of the delegates to the temperance convention held at Charlottesville made his report and was commended for his diligence.

The meeting adjourned to meet in the Reformed church next Friday night immediately after prayer-meeting.

Any Patent Medicine Advertised in this paper can be had of B. Schmitt at the regular price.

June 12-14

Christmas Celebration.

All persons under the influence of christianity look forward to Xmas, all we may say too, in what ever point and adversely they have hitherto abjured the flight of time look with pleasure for it. From the new year in her first morn when we must of necessity, though regretfully, turn from the festal days of one year, we instinctively look down the vista of time through the veiled thirteen moons until their waxing and waning shall have brought us another Xmas, wondering with what pleasure or "good cheer" it is freighted for us, often forgetting that this is the "vale of tears" and time must have new sorrows too. Nor is this confined to the christian era, for the chosen people's one continuous inquiry was where and when? The Messiah should come, though they rejected this royal but lowly Babe whose birth is commemorated. It was this looking toward the 1881st anniversary that led to the arranging of the "festival" and the decoration of the Lutheran Church of Woodstock. The decorations were elaborate and unique. The old church "our dear old church" seemed to have put off her usual cold midwinter appearance and arrayed herself in the beauty and verdure of spring-time, or from the scars and wrinkles of an age of nearly three score years, an age of burden so many Xmas snows, an age "though frosty, yet kindly," as it has renewed her youth, or become a bride in the summer of her day adorned for her husband. Trust every heart which is the enduring church was filled with the essence and fragrance of the principles so beautifully bestowed for our adorning. If we could "paint the lily," we could describe it, but cannot. The pulpit and chancel were trimmed with foliage, then were added cedars of Lebanon and the significant cross and crown, having a background of the Jubilee hills, with gilding stars resting just above.

Around this scene were pillars, one on either side, upon the base of them the words "Word" and "Truth," connecting these and above was an arch. In the keystone could be read Jesus, then around the pillars were entwined the prophecies relating to Jesus, and just under the Keystone were three joyous bells, ringing out, as it were, "freedom from the curse of the law." This filled the space between. Each window, pillar, door and gallery was festooned with evergreens reminding us of the "Tree of Life," the babe of Bethlehem which is "Ancient of days." The spaces between these by the motto inscribed there called upon us to "rejoice for the Lord is come," and the picture was complete. While by these things we worship with our hands, we did not forget, I hope, that preparation of heart so much needed.

How gladly we answered the call of the Sabbath bells this beautiful Xmas morning where we repeated and tried to inscribe the truth of the incarnation of Jesus upon the tender minds to the children.

When lessons were concluded the school presented its very off best Sup. Mr. Milton Coffman a golden leafed cane as only a slight token of their appreciation of his work.

At 11 o'clock the "Festival Service" for Xmas consisted in responsive readings of the gospels and some prophecies interpreted by hymns, three of which were sung by the little girls, one singing a verse at the time, and one verse sung by three from four to six years and so well did they cord, that many thought there was but a single voice. They were supported by a soft organ accompaniment, this was enjoyed in almost breathless silence from the whole house till the organ pealed forth and several tender voices echoed the choruses, making a marked and happy contrast. These tender voices were equalled in the sweetest songs and tenderly lisped the "Jesus Loves me." Then repeating the "Old old story," and almost in pleading tones that it be told "lovely" and "often," in child like "forget so soon."

"The early dew of morning Has passed away at noon."

Christ at Bethlehem was sweetly rendered and so distinctly were the words articulated that any one could learn the whole truth of the gospel as given in this song. Stern manhood itself could have accepted their Savior while listening their almost angelic lay, who can tell the story of "Jesus and His Love" so sweetly as a little child, and how many have "come hither" lead by such an one.

A short sermon upon the greatness of God's love in His gift to man and its consequent effect, and morning service was over. At night a similar programme and Xmas day was again numbered with those that have been, bearing up the beautiful picture upon memories canvas wrought there by a diamond pencil. As we contemplate it in coming days may it inspire us to keep our "hearts fit temples" for this very royal guest the King of Kings.

How mean and shameful to impose on the credulity and lingering hope of the poor afflicted sufferer, but in this case we mean to say, here is a medicine that will really do all that it proposes to effect. Fifty or even twenty five cents for one bottle will convince you that "Wagner's Rock and Rye" is a remedy for Lung or Throat Disease. Nervous Debility &c. For Consumption particularly it is a perfect soothing Balm. It arrests and stops the distressing coughing spells, allays the annoying dry and tickling sensation in the throat, relieves heavy and labored breathing, gives rest and sleep at night and by these means strengthens and improves the patient. But be careful to ask for this particular medicine as the stores are flooded with similarly named worthless articles. Wagner's Rock & Rye Expectorant is sold by all leading Wholesale Drug Houses and Druggists generally.

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